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Excerpt from 'Science and Engineering' feature with Boris Belitskiy's response to a Vermont listener's question

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[Belitskiy] . . . It's generally accepted among the scientists interested in the subject that what is popularly known as ESP is a group of phenomena whose existence hinges in the final analysis on the physical fields that are

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believed to be generated by biological objects. To study such fields a special laboratory has been set up at the Institute of Radio Engineering and Electronics of the USSR Academy of Sciences. The lab is headed by Dr Eduard (?Godich), and overall supervision of research in this area is in the hands of Dr Yuriy Gulyayev, a corresponding member of the academy. Some of the findings at this lab appear to be of definite promise. Most important of all, they have been obtained by using highly advanced physical instruments and thus meet the need for more reliable data in this field, which has so often in the past been flooded with data that could hardly be said to be reliable.

[Woman announcer] What sort of findings are you referring to at this lab?

[Belitskiy] In the five years that the lab has been in existence its staff of physicists, engineers, physiologists, and other specialists have established that every living biological object gives rise to a complex pattern of physical fields. Their distribution in space and variation with the passage of time yields valuable information which can be used, for example, for purposes of medical diagnosis.

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[Woman] What is the nature of this physical field generated by a biological object, say a human being?

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[Belitskiy] Every human being generates quite a number of physical fields: infra-red, thermal-radio, low-frequency electric, magnetic, acoustic, bioluminescent and others. What the scientists at the lab are concentrating on is identifying the type of information about the body that can be derived from such a field.

[Woman] Such studies can, of course, provide medicine with valuable new diagnostic tools, but what about the problem of human beings receiving information via such external physical fields?

[Belitskiy] Well, that will clearly be the next stage of the research conducted at the lab. Obviously, it's even more complicated than the first stage, since the body in this case acts as a very complicated receiving system. This will involve studies of an entirely new dimension involving biophysicists and psychophysicologists as well as the scientists I mentioned earlier. Such studies, too, are definitely planned, and it's quite possible they'll shed light on some aspects of what is known to the layman as ESP, extra-sensory perception.

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